

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under Janmabhoomi and EAS programmes in Guntur district – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against (1) Sri P. Suryanarayana, EE, PR, Guntur and now retired (2) Sri N. Sambasiva Rao, the then Dy.EE, PR, Guntur (3) Sri A. Venkataratnam, the then Dy.EE, PR, Guntur and now EE (Retd.) and (4) Sri Ch. China Brahmaiah, the then AE, PR, Guntur – Enquiry conducted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 267

DATED:13.03.2015.

Read the following:-

1. Orders of Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta, A.P., Hyderabad dt:28.04.2000 in Complaint No.744/99/B2.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.512 & 513, PR&RD (VS) Department, Dated: 19.4.2001.
3. Memo No.194/VS/A1/2001-7 to 9,PR&RD (VS) Department, Dated:18.4.2001.
4. From Sri A. Venkataratnam, EE, Written Statement of defence dated:14.08.2001.
5. From Sri N. Sambasiva Rao, Dy.EE, Written Statement of defence dated:13.12.2001.
6. From Sri Ch. China Brahmaiah, AE (PR)P, Written Statement of defence dated:21.08.2002.
7. From Sri P. Suryanarayana, EE (PR) (Retired), Written Statement of defence dated:19.02.2003.
8. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.108/RCO-VGT/2000, dated:21.02.2005.
9. G.O.Rt.Nos.104 & 105, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dated:23.01.2006.
- 10.10. G.O.Rt.No.756, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dated:22.05.2008.
11. From Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, COI, GAD, Inquiry Report dated: 8.5.2009.
- 12.G.O.Rt.No.1645,PR&RD (Vig.IA) Department, Dated:11.11.2009.
13. From Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer (PR), Lr.No. Vig.III(3)/10004/2000, Dated:24.05.2014.

ORDER:

Based on the orders 1st read above of the Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta, disciplinary proceedings were initiated in the references 2nd and 3rd read above by framing charges against S/Sri (1) P. Suryanarayana, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Guntur and now retired (2) N. Sambasiva Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR (3) A. Venkataratnam, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR and now Executive Engineer (Retd.) and (4) Ch. China Brahmaiah, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Guntur under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for the irregularities in execution of works under Janmabhoomi and EAS programmes in Guntur district. In the representations 4th to 7th read above, the Charged Officers have submitted their written statements of defence. After examining the written statements of defence of the charged officers, the case was entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, for conducting detailed inquiry against them, vide G.O. 9th read above. Subsequently, modified orders have been issued changing the enquiry officer, vide reference 10th read above.

2. In the reference 11th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted her enquiry report. The Inquiring Authority Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, in her report, had opined that this issue should be resolved only by a departmental inquiry by an officer higher than the Presenting Officer, and preferably the Engineer-in-Chief of the department. The Commissioner of Inquiries further opined that since almost all the charges are technical in nature, it may require a filed visit by the Engineer-in-Chief concerned, who should examine the contentions of Lok Ayukta report and of the Presenting Officer, and submit his final version to the disciplinary authority. After examining these findings of Commissioner of Inquiries, Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer, PR was appointed as Enquiry Officer vide G.O. 12th read above.

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3. In the letter 13th read above, Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer, PR has submitted his enquiry report. Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer, PR, in his findings and remarks, has stated that out of 5 roads, no road is at a stage of verification with respect to the measurements recorded in M.Books under Janmabhoomi and EAS Programmes and under these circumstances ground realities couldn't be assessed at this juncture. He has further opined that the interpretation of the Deputy Director, Lokayukta, who is a non-technical person, could not resolve the technical issue and his conclusion could not be considered as final judgment in this case, as he could not assess the issue as per departmental technical specifications and guidelines. The Enquiry Officer has further stated that the Charged Officers have faced extraneous sufferings due to the allegations which are not proved and the retired charged officers have not taken their pensionary benefits so far. The Enquiry Officer has therefore recommended that a lenient view may be taken to exonerate the individuals from the charges.

4. Government, after careful examination of matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Enquiry Officer, Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineer, PR and to drop further action against S/Sri (1) P. Suryanarayana, Executive Engineer, PR (Retd.) (2) N. Sambasiva Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR (3) A. Venkataratnam, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR and now Executive Engineer (Retd.) and (4) Ch. China Brahmaiah, Assistant Engineer, PR, in this matter.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against S/Sri (1) P. Suryanarayana, Executive Engineer, PR (Retd.) (2) N. Sambasiva Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR (3) A. Venkataratnam, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR and now Executive Engineer (Retd.) and (4) Ch. China Brahmaiah, Assistant Engineer, PR, in this matter.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Hyderabad, shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR&RWS)

To

Sri P. Suryanarayana, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Guntur and now retired through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri N. Sambasiva Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Guntur through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri A. Venkataratnam, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Executive Engineer (Retd.) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri Ch. China Brahmaiah, Assistant Engineer, PR, Guntur, through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary to V.C, A.P.V.C, Hyderabad.

The Director General, Anti-Corruption, A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER